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MODULATORS OF INTRACELLULAR SIGNALING MOLECULES

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of modulating an intracellular signaling molecule in a cell, the method comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of a modulator selected from the group consisting of colostrinin, a constituent peptide of colostrinin thereof, an active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin thereof, and combinations thereof, under conditions effective to accomplish at least one of the following:

reduce 4-hydroxynonenal (4HNE)-protein ~~4HNE-protein~~ adduct formation;

inhibit 4HNE-mediated glutathione depletion;

inhibit 4HNE-induced activation of p53 protein; or

inhibit 4HNE-induced activation of c-Jun NH2-terminal kinases;

wherein the constituent peptide of colostrinin is selected from the group consisting of

MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LOTPOPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2),

DQPPDVEKPDLOPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4),

DLEMPVLPVEPFV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6),

VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPFPCCKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO: 8);

wherein the active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin comprises a peptide having an amino acid sequence with at least about 15 percent proline and having at least about 70 percent sequence identity to a constituent peptide of colostrinin selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LOTPOPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLOPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVGVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPFPKLKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO:8); and

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further wherein the active analog accomplishes at least one of the following: reduces 4HNE-protein adduct formation; inhibits 4HNE-mediated glutathione depletion; inhibits 4HNE-induced activation of p53 protein; or inhibits 4HNE-induced activation of c-Jun NH2-terminal kinases.

2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is present in a cell culture, a tissue, an organ, or an organism.

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 wherein the cell is a human cell.

5. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the modulator is a constituent peptide of colostrinin.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 5 wherein the modulator is selected from the group of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1), LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), LKPFPKLKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO:8), ~~VVMEV (SEQ ID NO:9), SEQP (SEQ ID NO:10), DKE (SEQ ID NO:11), FPPPK (SEQ ID NO:12), DSQPPV (SEQ ID NO:13), DPPPPQS (SEQ ID NO:14), SEEMP (SEQ ID NO:15), KYKLQPE (SEQ ID NO:16), VLPPNVG (SEQ ID NO:17), VYPFTGPIPN (SEQ ID NO:18), SLPQNILPL (SEQ ID NO:19), TQTPVVVPPF (SEQ ID NO:20), LQPEIMGVVKVETMVPK (SEQ ID NO:21), HKEMPPFKYPVEPFTESQ (SEQ ID NO:22), SLTLTDVEKLHLPLPLVQ (SEQ ID NO:23), SWMHQPP (SEQ ID NO:24), QPLPPTVMFP (SEQ ID NO:25), PQSVLS (SEQ ID NO:26), LSQPKVLPVPQKAVPQRDMPIQ (SEQ ID NO:27), AFLLYQE (SEQ ID NO:28), RGPFPILV (SEQ ID NO:29), ATFNRYQDDHGEELKSL (SEQ ID NO:30), VESYVPLFP~~

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~~(SEQ ID NO:31), FLLYQEPVLGPVR (SEQ ID NO:32), LNF (SEQ ID NO:33), and
MHQPPQPLPPTVMFP (SEQ ID NO:34);~~ and combinations thereof.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A method of down regulating the 4-hydroxynonenal (4HNE)-mediated oxidative damage associated with 4HNE-mediated lipid peroxidation in a cell, the method comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of a modulator selected from the group consisting of colostrinin, a constituent peptide of colostrinin thereof, an active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin thereof, and combinations thereof[[,]];

wherein[[,:]] the ~~active analog is an active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin is~~ selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 through SEQ ID NO:8 ~~NO:34~~;

wherein the active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin comprises a peptide having an amino acid sequence with at least about 15 percent proline and having at least about 70 percent structural similarity to a one or more constituent peptide[[s]] of colostrinin selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LQTPQPLLOVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLOPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVGVLVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLVPEPFPFV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPFPCCKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO:8); and further wherein the active analog does not interfere with cellular uptake of redox-sensitive 2',7'-dihydro-dichlorofluorescein-diacetate;
and wherein 4HNE-mediated oxidative damage associated with lipid peroxidation in the cell is down regulated.

8-9. **(Cancel)**